



## Indiana Department of Education

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To: Superintendents and Principals

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Subject: Indiana Purple Star School Designation

Indiana Department of Education Purple Star School Designation honors schools that have displayed a significant commitment to service members, veterans, and students and families connected to our Nation's Military. The Indiana Department of Education will honor the second cohort of schools earning this designation in the Fall of 2021.

The Purple Star School Designation serves a three year time period. Schools awarded this designation in 2020 would reapply no sooner than 2023.

### Timeline:

- Application Available - April 30, 2021
- Application Due - September 1, 2021
- Award Notification - November 10, 2021

### Application Requirements:

- Assigned Point of Contact (POC) for military families
- Training requirement for POC
- Dedicated webpage
- Annual military program (e.g., Veteran's Day, 9/11, etc.)
- Public military display
- School Board resolution publicizing support for military students and families
- Employment of military service members and their immediate family members

The application for the Purple Star Designation can be found [here](#). Additional information can be found [here](#). Please contact [Jennifer Watson](#) with questions.